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In re the Application of: Vijay C. CHHABADA et al.

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A PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF 1-[9H-CARBAZOL-4-YLOXY]- 3-[{2-(2-(-

(METHOXY)PHENOXY)-ETHYL}-AMINO]-PROPAN-2-OL

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 March 10, 2008

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated February 8, 2008.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1-6, and Group (II),

Claims 7-12, drawn to another process for preparation for a compound of formula I

Applicant(s) hereby elect(s) the subject matter of <u>Group (I)</u>, <u>Claims 1-6</u> for prosecution in this application. This election is made <u>without traverse</u>, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.